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SUBJECT: GLIGOROV SPEECH AT LCY PRESIDIEUM SESSION SURVEYS  
WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS

1. (IRO GLIGOROV (LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU MEMBER FROM MACEDONIA)  
GAVE KEYNOTE SPEECH  
AT 44TH PLENUM OF PARTY PRESIDIUM NOV 6  
(WE ASSUME FBIS TRANSLATED IN FULL). WE READ SPEECH AS  
DOCUMENT INTENDED TO BE ONE OF MOST SIGNIFICANT PARTY "EVENTS"  
BETWEEN LAST YEAR'S LETTER (FROM TITO AND PARTY EXECUTIVE  
BUREAU) AND NEXT YEAR'S TENTH LCY CONGRESS (WHICH PLENUM  
SCHEDULED FOR MAY).

2. GLIGOROV'S REFERENCES TO ECONOMIC SUCCESSES  
(IMPROVED BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES,  
DOMESTIC LIQUIDITY) AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ("SOARING PRICES",  
DWINDLING REAL WAGES) ARE IN LINE WITH OTHER RECENT  
COMMENTARY HERE. IN HIS COVERAGE OF BROAD SPECTRUM OF PROBLEMS  
AND CHALLENGES FACING PARTY, MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGE - THAT GREAT  
DEAL REMAINS TO BE DONE IN SHORT TIME BEFORE TENTH CONGRESS - IS  
UNDOUBTEDLY NECESSARY KICK IN THE PANTS AFTER UNWARRANTED OPTIMISTIC  
SPEECHES ABOUT GREAT THINGS TAKING PLACE IN PARTY AS RESULT  
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OF TITO LETTER. THIS MESSAGE APPEARS TO BE AIMED AT TOO-  
COMPLACENT HEADS OF BASIC PARTY ORGANIZATION UNITS. GLIGOROV

MAKES EXPLICIT WHAT HAS BEEN FREQUENT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION HERE:  
PARTY UNITS HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO ATTRACT MORE WORKERS INTO  
RANKS. ONLY IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS (I.E., WHERE THEY ARE MOST  
VISIBLE) ARE WORKERS GETTING BIGGER PIECE OF PARTY ACTION,  
HE SAYS; OVERALL, HE ADMITS, PARTY HAS BARELY MANAGED TO STEM  
FLOW OF WORKER RESIGNATIONS WHICH CHARACTERIZED SITUATION BEFORE  
TITO LETTER. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROUNDING UP NEW WORKER  
MEMBERS IN COMING MONTHS NOW PUBLICLY BEING SHIFTED TO PARTY  
UNIT HEADS.

3. IN HIS REFERENCES TO ALLEGED "REVIVAL OF NEO-STALINISTIC AND

DOGMATIC CONCEPTS" IN YUGOSLAVIA, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE IS  
TALKING ABOUT ACTUAL PHENOMENON OR WHETHER HE IS ESSENTIALLY  
MAKING GESTURE OF REASSURANCE TO PEOPLE IN REPUBLICS (AND  
PARTICULARLY TO NON-SERBS) THAT TIGHTENING-UP INSIDE PARTY DOES  
NOT MEAN ANY TURNING BACK FROM DECENTRALIZED FEDERATION TO CEN-  
TRALIZED CONTROL OF SOCIETY ON SOVIET MODEL. SUCH GESTURE OF  
REASURANCE PARTICULARLY BELIEVABLE COMING FROM A MACEDONIAN,  
SINCE MADECONIA OUTSTANDING BENEFICIARY OF DECENTRALIZATION.

4. CLEARER SIGNAL OF REASSURANCE IS AIMED SQUARELY AT FOREIGN  
READERSHIP - PARTICULARLY IN US: THIS IS GLIGOROV'S INSISTENCE  
THAT YUGOSLAV POLICY HAS BEEN ENTIRELY CONSISTENT IN ITS SUPPORT  
FOR ARABS, ALTHOUGH CERTAIN "QUARTERS" ARE TRYING TO PRESENT  
YUGOSLAV ACTIVITIES DURING RECENT FIGHTING AS ACT OF RENUNCIATION.  
OF NONALIGNMENT (I.E., AS HAVING MOVED INTO SOVIET CAMP).  
FOREIGN SECRETARIAT CONTACT SAID HE HOPED SUCH REASSURANCE NOT  
REALLY REQUIRED.

5. WE BELIEVE GLIGOROV'S CALL FOR HEIGHTENED SECURITY MEASURES,  
ALTHOUGH PHRASED IN WAY THAT APPEARS TO TIE NEED FOR VIGILANCE  
TO PRESSURES FROM ABROAD, IS ALSO A SIGNAL FOR INTERNAL  
CONSUMPTION: THAT EVIDENCES OF DOMESTIC UNREST SUCH AS STRIKES  
TO PROTEST WAGE CUTS OR PRICE RISES MAY BE DEALT WITH FIRMLY AS  
ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES.  
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